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Help Protect California's Air Quality
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Deborah Drechsler
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Dear Deborah Drechsler,

I encourage you to establish a new California 8-hour average standard for ozone. This is needed to protect public health and should be set at 0.070 parts per million level, not to be exceeded. In addition, I support keeping the 1-hour average ozone standard of 0.09 parts per million, not to be exceeded. This standard is necessary to protect against short-term peak concentrations of ozone that are also prevalent in California.

Both standards are necessary to provide protection against short-term peaks and also against longer-term exposure that can contribute to respiratory irritation and reduction in lung function.

Research clearly shows that the current California Ambient Air Quality Standards are not sufficient to protect public health, including that of sensitive populations, with an adequate margin of safety, as required by the Children's Environmental Health Protection Act. Substantial evidence exists of both short- and long-term deleterious health effects at levels meeting the current standards.

I also support California Air Resources Board recommendations for state funding of research on the effects of multi-hour concentrations of ozone at lower concentrations than the proposed standards.

Sincerely,

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